

**Friends of the Watchung Library
Exhibit Reception
Wednesday, February 7
6:00-7:30 p.m.**



**Preparing for Historic Change;
Twelve Women Break Barriers at All-Male USAF Academy in 1976**

Join The Friends of the Watchung Library on February 7 in celebrating a treasure trove of women's history represented by this photography exhibit.

Virginia Hartmann, Lieutenant Colonel, USAFR (retired), curated an exhibit from the Special Collections of the United States Air Force Academy Library in honor of Women's History Month.

Hartmann worked closely with the Friends of the Air Force Academy Library to digitize over 2000 photos which had previously existed only as a box of negatives. Hartmann is featured in some of the photos, having trained for six months with 11 other Air Force women lieutenants in response to the passage of Public Law 94-106 in 1976 when the first women were allowed to attend US Military, Naval and Air Force Academies.

A dozen of the photos will be on public display for the first time ever in the Watchung Library Art Gallery from February 1 to March 31.